

PETER DICK MUST STAND TRIAL ON TREASON CHARGE

Teuton Arrested by Police Al- leged to be Suffering From "Germanitis"

The first charge of treason ever heard in Western Canada will be tried before Inspector Jennings of the Royal North West Mounted Police in Edmonton next Thursday morning, with Peter Dick, a German, as the accused. The case is expected to create a great deal of interest. C. C. McCaul and H. A. Dickie have been instructed by the government to act for the prosecution. The defense has been placed in the hands of M. M. Charleson.

On November 18, Detectives Effenberger and Dealy of the city police searched the premises of the accused on 97th street to discover a German officer's uniform, a sword and a large amount of ammunition, the latter constituting a varied assortment from the ordinary shot gun cartridge to the renowned dum-dum bullets.

In addition, there was also found in the possession of the accused a document which decried the British Empire and British principles and which made suggestions that the subjects of Kaiser William should attempt to take Canada by force of arms. According to the complaint, this Dick intended to have published in German newspapers.

The accused has been in the custody of the police for several days and this morning appeared before Magistrate Massie on three charges preferred by Detective Effenberger, the first of treason, the second of possessing ammunition and the third of possessing ammunition as an alien dangerous to the public peace.

At the request of Crown Prosecutor Barclay and Inspector Jennings of the R.N.W.M.P., the hearing was remanded to the Mounted Police to be tried at the Mounted Police barracks next Thursday morning. There was a question raised this morning by Lawyer Jackson, acting on behalf of M. M. Charleson, as to whether or not the defendant could be examined as to his sanity. To this Crown Prosecutor Barclay replied that Dick had been examined by Medical Health Officer Whitelaw and was found to be sane. Mr. Barclay added: "The only ailment the accused is afflicted with is that awful malady from which the Kaiser is suffering, Germanitis."